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**DETAILED ACTION**

This Office Action is in response to the Reply Brief filed on March 29, 2004.

**Reply Brief Noted**

The Appellant's reply brief filed on March 29, 2004 has been entered. The brief will now be forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew E Warren whose telephone number is (571) 272-1737. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and alternating Fri 9:00-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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